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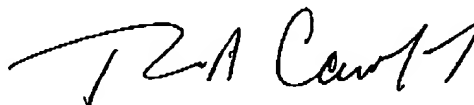
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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 3 months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

**FEES**

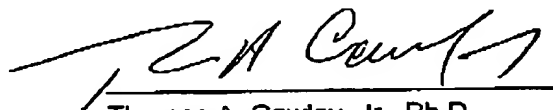
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TOTAL	29	- 30	= 0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$ 0.00
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE					\$ 475.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 475.00

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to an official action dated October 1, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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